



The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Office of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi
Speaker Emerita of the House
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

March 28, 2023

Dear Madam Speaker Emerita,

The Florence Fang Community Farm (FFCF) is pleased to submit a Fiscal Year 2024 Community Project Funding Request for the **“Urban Agriculture and Education Farm Improvements”** project. The requested amount is \$1,010,000.

Since you led our groundbreaking on April 4, 2014, Florence Fang community Farm has become the only USDA-registered farm in San Francisco, and the city’s largest community farm with the most farmers and volunteers. Florence Fang Community Farm brings together all the diverse residents in San Francisco’s most underdeveloped neighborhood, the Bayview, zip Code 94124.

This project will make San Francisco an urban agriculture hub, grows more food to feed families in need, and offers resources and training to people in growing their own food in their homes and backyards.

Below are a news videos and articles demonstrating community support, as well as a support letter from CalTrain, owner of the property where the farm site is located.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Ted Fang
Executive Director
www.ffcommunityfarm.org

<https://youtu.be/kgfbby5zYMA> - KRON TV, Speaker Pelosi at FFCF

<https://youtu.be/11tOvGNvoXI> - ABC7 News, Race and Social Justice at FFCF

<https://youtu.be/HF47jbgznRU>, Fox2, Giving Day and FFCF

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cf-hN6YEerw>, KPIX5, Growing at the Farm



<https://www.sfchronicle.com/restaurants/article/An-upstart-organic-farm-in-the-Bayview-hopes-to-15440891.php#photo-19734492> – SF Chronicle, Equitable Farming

https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/bayview-growers-market-provides-healthy-food-options-grow-n-by-and-for-the-neighborhood/article_ed9d1f5d-991e-5300-b092-ba8c09aaa907.html – SF Examiner, Growers Market at FFCF

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOVZxB-g_4 – Speaker Pelosi meets community groups at FFCF

https://youtu.be/iKW_LNcq0k - Open Farm Day for the community at FFCF

<https://tinyurl.com/3rv5n9b3> - Sing Tao newspaper, EPA Director of Environmental Justice tours FFCF

<https://tinyurl.com/ysmp9v29> - Sing Tao newspaper, 8th Annual Autumn Harvest



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Subject: Letter of Support for Community Project Funding Request for Urban Agriculture and Education Farm

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The project will positively impact diverse communities and improve social equity for farmers, address the need for fresh produce and healthy food in underrepresented and food desert areas, educate community members on growing food, and help achieve the City's climate and environmental goals by capturing carbon in soil, plants and trees, and diverting waste into compost.

Caltrain owns the one acre property that the farm operates on, which is partially over a functioning rail tunnel. We support the Farm's goals to improve food security, community health, sustainability, economic opportunity, and social connectedness within and between diverse communities.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact Devon Ryan, Government and Community Affairs Officer (ryand@caltrain.com, 650-730-6172).

Sincerely,

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Michelle Bouchard
Executive Director

cc: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board of Directors

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